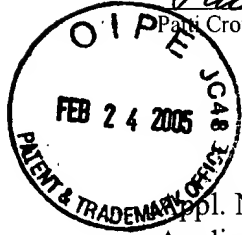


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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed November 19, 2004, Applicants submit the following comments.

In the reasons for allowance, the Examiner states: "the scope of the 'spring contacts' being understood from applicant's written description as required by 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph." Applicants note that the structure of the "spring contacts" elements in the claims is defined in the claims. For example, claim 34 defines the structure of the spring contacts as follows: "each of said first plurality of spring contacts comprising a base disposed on one of said first terminals and an integrally formed cantilevered beam extending away from said first surface of said interposer, wherein said beam is lithographically formed to have a shape comprising a contour that affects a deflection characteristic of said beam." It is not Applicants' intent that "spring contacts" are further limited to any particular exemplary embodiment or feature described in the specification but not included in a claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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